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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR HILL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REINSTATEMENT MAP-T ARGENTINA

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO CORRESPONDENCE OF 23 JAN 75 FROM FRANK ORTIZ AND MY REPLY TO HIM OF 6 FEB 75 ON THE MATTER OF RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TRAINING PROGRAM (MAP-T). AS I NOTED, I FELT THAT A FINDING OF A WAIVER WOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. SIMILARLY, IT WOULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, AND BEEN BENEFICIAL TO OUR RELATIONS GENERALLY. I HAD HOPED THAT THE QUESTION WOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT. THIS WOULD ALSO HAVE PERMITTED TIME FOR THE MILGP TO HAVE FINALIZED THEIR FY 75 PROGRAM TO MEET DEADLINES ON PROGRAM REVIEWS DIRECTED BY USCINCSO FOR RECOUPMENT/REALLOCATION OF MAP-T FUNDS THROUGHOUT LATAM. SUSPENSE DATE OF THIS REVIEW IS 2 MAY 75. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, MILGP WAS JUST RECENTLY ADVISED THAT THE ARGENTINE FY 75 MAP-T WAS REDUCED AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL FROM \$800K TO \$100K.

2. DESPITE CANCELLATION OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP, REASONS FOR REINSTATEMENT REMAIN VALID. I AM SUGGESTING THAT IT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE SAVINO THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTER TO
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WHICH I COULD REFER AT THE SAME TIME AS DISCUSSING THE

QUESTION OF PERSONNEL REDUCTION. REQUEST ADVISE STATUS
THIS MATTER, AND IF REINSTATED, A CABLE NOTE WHICH I COULD
PRESENT.
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